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Hero2Hired: One stop For military job seekers

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Did you know that you have resources right here at Gowen Field to help you or your spouse find a job? The Hero2Hired program was created to reduce the number of unemployed reserve component members with one-on-one counseling and the H2H.jobs website. This site is now the largest website for military job seekers with 3.7 million jobs posted and 19,000 registered employers.

"We aren't a job placement service; our goal is to help you become career ready," said Teri Sackman, Idaho Hero2Hired Employment Transition Coordinator. "If your career goals require a degree, then we'll help you get started and if you need a part-time job while in school, we'll help you with that too."

There are 56 Employment Transition Coordinators across the country with one or more in each state including Guam and Puerto Rico. Here at Gowen Field, Sackman has worked with more



Teri Sackman is the Idaho Hero2Hired Employment Transition Coordinator. Her goal is to help service members become career ready. Hero2Hired also assists in helping service members meet career goals such as getting individuals on the path to earning a degree or finding part-time work while in school. Her office is located on Gowen Field and she can be reached at 208.272.4339 or teresa.a.sackman.ctr@mail.mil or you can visit their site at www.h2h.jobs Photo by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney

than 500 job seekers. They offer resume writing assistance, interview preparation, job referrals, career counseling and more.

"Our military folks have a lot more going for them than they may realize. We can translate military skills into skills a civilian employer can understand. Not only do you need to think of all of the things

you've done but also how you've done them and how you take initiative."

If you are looking for a job, here are your first steps: 1) Setup a profile on H2H.jobs and upload your resume 2) Sign up on the Department of Labor website and "fine tune job search and email jobs that fit you" 3) Schedule an appointment with (cont'd page 2)

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Teri Sackman at the H2H Gowen Field office 208-272-4339

When she first meets with a job seeker, she will ask them two things: "I want to know what your career goals are and what you don't want to do. This saves both of us time."

Sackman is also dedicated to growing her network of relationships with employers, which helps job seekers make the critical connections to find out about job opportunities and get a foot in the door with an interview.

"Teri's feedback on my resume helped me communicate my knowledge, skills and experience that civilian employers could understand," said Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney, 124th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Specialist. "Because of her assistance and job referrals, I ended up having two job offers in one week and my future's looking exceptionally bright!"

Many companies here in Idaho are looking to hire military job seekers. Citi, a company with more than 60 military and veteran employees here in Meridian, was



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nominated for the Freedom Award. This award from the Secretary of Defense, is the highest honor given to employers for outstanding support of guard and reserve employees. Citi seeks to hire guard, reserve and veteran employees and they have established a veterans group to help employees easily find, access, and share military resources.

"A lot of employers want to hire guard, reserve and veteran employees because of all of the positive qualities they have from their service," said Sackman.

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